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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

BEST WISHES TO ALL.

"A Happy New Year." Such is the wish of the Tonopah Bonanza to each and all. Today we begin a new year and few of us but start in with new resolves. We do not know that one time is better than another in which to "turn over a new leaf," but granting that January 1st is the proper time, here's hoping that all these resolutions will be kept. And we hope that the present year will bring southern Nevada closer to the development of which it is capable—which means prosperity for all of her people.

WHO'S IN DEBT NOW?

In regard to that scheme to move the state penitentiary from its present location at Carson, which would give the taxpayers of the state an opportunity to spend about half a million dollars in getting some \$250,000 worth of building and moving done, we wonder just who is in debt now? Just what interest is it which is either in the contracting business itself, or has a relative, or a creditor in that business—or which has a little bit of real estate it wants to boom? Look into some of these things and you will know just who it is wants the state prison moved. The talk about moving the penitentiary is all poppycock, and whoever believes that the people of this state will be deluded into such an enormous and useless expense has the recess in his cranium where common sense is supposed to be located filled with half-cooked mush.

Let a house of correction be provided, close to but not within the state prison grounds, by all means, and give the young offender a chance at a better life, instead of thrusting him into a very school of vice, which the constant society of a gang of hardened criminals really amounts to.

With just as much logic and sense as the agitators of the prison removal show, we hereby advocate the creation by the state, of a state caravansary, which shall comprise hotel with all the most modern conveniences, including theaters, ocean beach, yacht and automobile rides, etc., in which each politician, after being elected to office may house all his friends and relatives; and also the legalization of the payment, by the state, directly from the state treasury and in gold coin, all the debts of each aspiring politician.

We believe that this would eventually save the people of the state much money, for with the politician's friends and relatives all comfortably disposed of, and his debts, social and financial, paid, he would be absolutely free from embarrassment and could employ his mind and effort in the affairs of state or county. At present, he has to put in all his time scheming how to do all these things. The state has to pay for them anyhow, and don't even get work out of the successful politicians. So how much better would it be to let the transactions be open and above board and in this way save the salaries of the deputies who do the work while the heads of departments are scheming?

THE JEFFERSON PLANT GROWING

Charles Kanrohat, who recently sold the famous Jefferson mine at Jefferson canyon, to the McBeth syndicate of New York, was in camp a few days last week. In speaking of the Jefferson mine Mr. Kanrohat said that there was now \$43,000 worth of machinery on the ground, and that it would require about \$30,000 more to complete the mill and equip the mine as planned for, and that it would probably require until April 1 next to complete and have the plant in operation.

Mr. Kanrohat was enthusiastic over the placer showings in Manhattan gulch and expressed the belief that by spring there would be more placer mining in the Manhattan gulch than in the entire state of Nevada. Mr. Kanrohat said that in the year 1872 he drove through this canyon over a thousand head of cattle and three hundred head of horses, but at that time the question of placer or placer mining never entered his head.—Manhattan Mail.

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14 Youths' Suits, ages 17 to 19, regular price \$13.50 to \$17.50, Saturday price, \$7.00.

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JAPAN BUYS AN ANTIMONY MINE UP IN ALASKA

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The emperor of Japan has purchased from Joe Sliscovitch, the Alaska pioneer, the largest antimony mine in America, the Pilgrim River mine, from which the Japanese government will take tons of minerals containing valuable ingredient for smokeless powder and metals which will make the steel hulls of their battleships proof against barnacles.

The deal was closed here through agents of the Japanese government, who paid over to Sliscovitch \$10,000 in cash and signed an agreement to pay the remaining \$90,000 within twenty days. Sliscovitch arrived here four days ago and was met by the Japanese agents, who had received reports of an assay of ore taken secretly from the mine in September. Japanese experts have made a complete investigation, not only of this mine, but of nearly every important property in Alaska during the last six months.

Sliscovitch was surprised when the offer was made to him, and he accepted immediately. He staked the claim and the \$100,000 is practically clear profit.

As no mining operations are possible in Alaska in the winter time no work can be done in exploitation of the mine until next season. It is understood, however, that by next spring all the preparations will have been completed to throw a large force of Japanese laborers into the property to open the mine under the direction of Japanese engineers. Ore will be transferred to the mikado's vessel on the coast and carried across the Pacific to furnish Japanese factories with the materials for strengthening the navy efficiency of that nation.

In the last year Alaska has been overrun by Japanese agents who have diligently hunted for mines which contained the minerals especially desired by their government. The American settlers in the territory have jealously watched the encroachment of the little brown men and have driven them out wherever they seemed to be trying to gain a foothold. Despite opposition the Japanese have doggedly stuck to their purpose and instead of working in the open, have conducted their investigation in secret.

When the mikado's agents learned of the antimony deposits in the Pilgrim River mine, they secretly obtained the ore for a test before they opened negotiations with Sliscovitch. Even now, the Japanese authorities are maintaining the greatest reticence about their purchase. The deal was closed in the private office of Consul General Takahashi of San Francisco.

Sliscovitch was made famous in the stories by Rex Beach, who knew him when he conducted a roadhouse. He appeared in "The Spoilers" and "The Thaw at Sisco's." Three years ago the miners attracted attention by closing a deal in New York by which he obtained \$10,000. With \$6000 of this sum he bought an automobile and started out to burn up Broadway. His main fame came when he gave a champagne breakfast, to which many of the people about town were invited and at which the host appeared in a full dress suit and wearing a brown derby hat. He said today that he would take another trip to Manhattan as soon as he collected the remaining \$90,000 due him from the mikado.

MAN HUNT CONTINUES.

(By Associated Press.)
CHAFEY, Dec. 30.—The hunt for Joseph Rooney, partner of F. V. Fuller, who disappeared after the shooting of Sol Hendra yesterday, continues. Clark, his partner, and Patrick Cook arrived in Winnemucca this morning and gave themselves up to the sheriff and are now in jail. A search of the Aullaluh mine will be instituted tomorrow for Rooney.

SLIPPED INTO BOILING SPRINGS.

RENO, Dec. 31.—Dick Belcher, a member of the engineering corps of the Southern Pacific railroad, was brought to this city today and placed in a hospital, suffering with a frightfully scalded foot and leg, which he had received by slipping into a boiling spring near Amadee, where he was doing some surveying for the railroad company.

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JUSTICE WORKED QUICKLY

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND (Ore.), Dec. 31.—Landed in the penitentiary at Salem in eighteen hours after the commission of their crime is the speedy manner in which justice was meted out to Al Miller and Herman Schwartz, the pair who stole a Rose City Park car last night, after robbing the carmen. Judge Miller sentenced Miller to twelve years and Schwartz to fifteen years.

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♦ THE METAL MARKET. ♦
♦ NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Lead, ♦
♦ dull, 4.10 @ 4.15; copper, ♦
♦ quiet, 14.37½ @ 14.50; silver, ♦
♦ 50.25. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

U. S. SHIP TO HELP ITALIANS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Celtic, which was to meet the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, sailed out of New York harbor this afternoon on an entirely different mission, without changing her cargo. She goes direct to Messina to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

Just as the United States ships were the first to reach Kingston after the West Indies earthquake, so the American naval flag on the Celtic may be the first to bring actual food and supplies to Messina from any country.

LABOR LEGISLATION TALK.

(By Associated Press.)

CARSON, Dec. 30.—The meeting of labor leaders and organizers called by Governor Dickerson has finished its work. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss labor laws that will be presented to the legislature in January. Representatives of labor have offered amendments to the eight-hour law, making it wider in scope, as it now only applies to mines and reduction plants. They agree to allow a law for employment of convicts where it does not compete with skilled labor.

COUNTY CLERK PULLS THROUGH

RENO, Dec. 31.—County Clerk Fogg, who has been suffering from gall stones, had one removed today and is reported as being out of danger, and his recovery only a matter of a short time.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULL.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year on the stock exchange was a dull one. Only a small volume of business was done and there were but few important price changes. Bonds were irregular.

PRESTON AFTER A PARDON.

(By Associated Press.)

CARSON (Nev.), Dec. 31.—An application for pardon was filed with the secretary of state today by representatives of M. R. Preston, the Goldfield labor leader, who is serving a twenty-five year sentence in the state penitentiary for killing John Silva, a Goldfield restaurant keeper, whom Preston shot in the back December, 1907.

MERCURY DOWN TO ZERO

AT FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

FERGUS FALLS (Minn.), Dec. 31.—A fierce snow storm is raging here today and the air is so thick with snow that it is almost impossible to face the wind. The mercury is down to zero.

CASE OF NIGHTRIDERS

UNION CITY (Tenn.), Dec. 31.—The introduction of evidence tending to prove alibis for the eight alleged nightriders, on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, was resumed today.

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FATALITIES IN MINE

MAY REACH FIFTY

ENNIS (W. Va.), Dec. 31.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch coal mine, as the result of the explosion Wednesday afternoon, will probably reach fifty. Up to 10 o'clock today twelve bodies had been taken out.

According to a mine foreman, there are thirty-eight men in the mine with little chance of their recovery alive.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. All the bodies are expected to be recovered today.

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